Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Thursday 22 Oct 2020 until 23:59 on Friday 23 Oct 2020

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 21 Oct 2020 at 15:36 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High confidence for an unsettled outlook for the next 5 days with gales and heavy rain at times. Lower confidence in timing of rainfall.

Headline for Thursday 22 Oct 2020: A wet and windy morning, drier and brighter later.

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 22 Oct 2020

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales Medium Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** Medium Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Medium Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Light rain	Mist	Dull	Cloudy	Cloudy
Precipitation probability							
60%	60%	40%	40%	30%	30%	30%	30%

Forecast for Thursday 22 Oct 2020

Weather: An area of rain moves southeast across the Northwest Highlands on Thursday morning with gales for a time. Weather conditions will be quite poor during the morning with heavy rain and poor visibility, precipitation is likely to be wintry on munro tops. By mid morning the rain will become lighter and have cleared the most northerly ranges like Ben Assynt. By late afternoon there will be some breaks in the cloud and the odd sunny spell particularly in the west around Skye and Torridon. Over the Glen Affric hills cloud may not clear so readily.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: In the morning just a 10% chance with cloud bases around 500ft, cloud will gradually lift and break with a 70% chance of cloud free tops by mid afternoon although the higher munros are unlikely to clear.

Visibility: Visibility will be very poor in the morning during the rain and snow however it will become moderate or even good in places by late afternoon.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	23/29 N	23/29 N	20/25 N	14/17 N	9/12 N	6/8 S	8/12 S	15/20 SE	27/35 S
900	20/26 N	20/27 N	18/23 N	11/15 N	9/12 N	5/8 S	9/12 S	14/19 SE	25/33 S
600	18/24 N	18/24 N	13/18 N	8/11 N	5/8 N	5/7 S	7/11 S	10/15 S	16/25 S
300	10/26 N	10/25 N	8/21 N	6/14 N	5/10 N	2/5 S	2/8 S	2/12 SE	5/23 S
Glen	21/36 N	19/33 N	17/28 N	10/18 N	6/11 N	3/5 S	3/7 S	6/14 SE	10/24 SE

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	2/-4	1/-5	0/-6	-0/-6	0/-4	1/-2	0/-3	0/-5	0/-7
900	3/-3	2/-4	1/-4	1/-4	1/-3	1/-1	1/-3	1/-4	1/-6
600	5/-0	4/-1	3/-1	3/-0	3/1	4/2	3/1	3/-0	3/-2
300	6/3	6/3	5/3	6/4	6/4	6/5	5/4	5/4	5/4
Glen	9/5	8/5	8/4	8/5	9/7	9/8	8/7	8/6	8/6
Freezing Level*	1600m	1400m	1200m	1000m	1000m	1000m	1000m	1000m	1100m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Strong winds for a time in the morning as the rain moves across the area. The winds will be northerly in the morning and it will feel very cold. Winds becoming southwesterly and easing later so losing some of the wind chill. Some localised flooding may occur particularly around Easter Ross and where it has been very wet over previous days.

Forecast for Friday 23 Oct 2020

Weather: Another band of rain is expected to push east across the Northwest Highlands on Friday morning, this will move through quite quickly and is not expected to be as heavy as Thursday's rain. It will be dry with sunny intervals for a time before showers develop on Friday afternoon. Showers will be more frequent on western ranges on Skye, the east will see fewer showers. Showers are likely to be hail or snow on the higher munro tops.

Maximum wind: Southwesterly 15-20 mph with gusts around 25-30mph.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 40% in the morning, bases will be around 5-600ft increasing to 80% in the afternoon.

Visibility: Poor for a time in the morning as the rain band pushes east but becoming mainly good in the afternoon except in showers.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 10 Celsius
At 800m: Plus 2 Celsius.
Freezing level: Around 1000m.

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